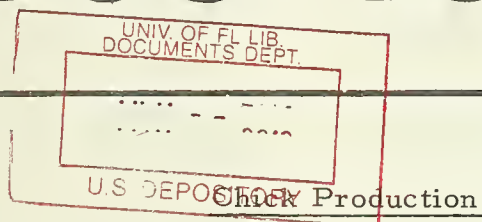


HATCHERY PRODUCTION

March 1967



April 14, 1967



Chicken Production

Hatcheries produced 322 million chicks during March 1967, an increase of 7 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The March hatch of broiler-type chicks totaled 256 million, 8 percent more than a year earlier. During the first 3 months of 1967, there were 694 million broiler chicks produced, up 4 percent from the same months last year. Broiler-type eggs in incubator on April 1 were up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March are estimated at 67 million, 3 percent more than in March 1966. The March egg-type hatch was above a year earlier in all but the North Atlantic and the West North Central regions, which were down 8 percent each. The largest regional increase from March 1966 was 23 percent in the South Atlantic followed by 14 percent in the West, 4 percent in the East North Central, and 1 percent in the South Central. During the first 3 months of 1967, there were 154 million egg-type chicks hatched, up 8 percent from the same 3 months in 1966. The number of egg-type chicks in incubator on April 1 was 9 percent below a year earlier. This is the first time since October 1965 that the expected egg-type hatch will be below a year earlier. The 2 percent decrease of eggs in incubator April 1, 1967 reported for all chickens indicates the first decline in all chick hatch from a year earlier since April 1965.

Poult Production

Poult production of all breeds during March 1967 totaled 22,462,000, up 6 percent from the 21,228,000 poults hatched a year earlier. The hatch of heavy breeds totaled 21,325,000 birds compared with 20,045,000 birds the same month a year earlier. Light breeds totaled 1,137,000 poults, down 4 percent. There were 44,779,000 poults hatched during the first 3 months of 1967, a 17-percent increase from the corresponding period of 1966. The number of turkey eggs in incubator on April 1, 1967 totaled 36,010,000, down 2 percent from April 1 last year. This 2 percent decline from a year earlier is the first reported decrease from a year earlier since July 1966.

Broiler and egg-type chicks hatched by commercial
hatcheries, United States

Month and year	Number chicks hatched		
	Broiler type	Egg type	Total
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>
March 1966	237,387	64,741	302,128
February 1967	216,853	46,445	263,298
March 1967	255,520	66,621	322,141
Jan.-Mar. 1966	664,466	142,121	806,587
Jan.-Mar. 1967	693,857	153,645	847,502
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Mar. 1967 as percent of Mar. 1966	108	103	107
Jan.-Mar. 1967 as percent of Jan.- Mar. 1966	104	108	105

Chicken eggs in incubators April 1, 1967

Geographic division	April 1, 1967 as a percent of April 1, 1966		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
North Atlantic	94	87	91
East North Central	94	93	93
West North Central	96	81	83
South Atlantic	100	101	100
South Central	102	101	102
West	109	100	105
48 States	101	91	98
United States ¹ / ₁	101	91	98

¹/₁ Includes Hawaii.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month and year	:	Number poults hatched				
	:	Total breeds				
	:	Heavy	:	Light	:	All
	:	Thous.		Thous.		Thous.
March 1966	:	20,045		1,183		21,228
February 1967	:	12,895		1,007		13,902
March 1967	:	21,325		1,137		22,462
	:					
January-March 1966	:	34,970		3,233		38,203
January-March 1967	:	41,614		3,165		44,779
	:	Percent		Percent		Percent
March 1967 as per-	:					
cent of March 1966	:	106		96		106
	:					
January-March 1967	:					
as percent of January-	:					
March 1966	:	119		98		117

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubator

Geographic division	:	Total breeds 1/							
		Heavy breeds		:	Light breeds		:	All breeds	
		1966	1967	:	1966	1967	:	1966	1967
		<u>Thous.</u>	<u>Thous.</u>		<u>Thous.</u>	<u>Thous.</u>		<u>Thous.</u>	<u>Thous.</u>
Poults hatched during March	:								
	:								
North Atlantic	:	292	229		29	26		321	255
East North Central	:	2,122	2,327		78	108		2,200	2,435
West North Central	:	7,459	7,525		286	250		7,745	7,775
South Atlantic	:	1,657	1,914		631	600		2,288	2,514
South Central	:	2,754	3,486		52	42		2,806	3,528
West	:	5,761	5,844		107	111		5,868	5,955
United States	:	20,045	21,325		1,183	1,137		21,228	22,462
	:								
Turkey eggs in <u>incubators April 1</u>	:	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
	:								
North Atlantic	:	685	465		101	87		786	552
East North Central	:	4,216	4,378		230	227		4,446	4,605
West North Central	:	11,709	11,170		573	297		12,282	11,467
South Atlantic	:	3,523	3,226		1,042	853		4,565	4,079
South Central	:	4,710	5,003		140	93		4,850	5,096
West	:	9,700	10,082		127	129		9,827	10,211
United States	:	34,543	34,324		2,213	1,686		36,756	36,010
	:								
April 1, 1967 as percent of	:	<u>Percent</u>			<u>Percent</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
	:								
April 1, 1966 U.S.	:	99			76			98	

1/ Heavy breeds include Broad White, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, crosses between heavy & light breeds, bronze, and other heavy breeds. Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, and wild turkeys.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	March		January through March		March	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	6,577	7,097	18,620	19,837	501	757
N. H.	610	651	1,736	1,821	281	303
Vt.	1	0	1	0	12	2
Mass. & R.I. 1/	901	694	2,520	2,243	978	1,076
Conn.	1,309	1,082	3,774	3,274	726	639
N. Y.	65	2/	250	2/	2,370	2,550
N. J.	144	2/	361	2/	955	500
Pa.	4,439	4,994	13,001	13,229	3,531	2,733
N. A.	14,046	2/ 14,622	40,263	2/ 40,720	9,354	8,560
Ohio	740	720	2,050	1,745	2,880	2,550
Ind.	2,623	2,315	7,033	6,455	2,518	3,560
Ill.	99	47	193	95	2,747	2,707
Mich.	430	3/	1,230	3/	1,350	1,150
Wis.	1,331	1,425	3,360	3,645	1,008	940
Minn.	819	900	2,092	2,222	3,993	3,455
Iowa	300	200	430	290	3,760	3,500
Mo.	2,670	2,181	7,560	6,018	2,206	2,498
N. Dak.	4/	3/	4/	3/	210	176
S. Dak.	4/	3/	4/	3/	1,390	1,420
Nebr.	377	310	540	453	2,072	1,628
Kans.	125	130	164	183	1,160	900
N. C.	4/ 9,622	3/ 8,781	4/ 24,769	3/ 22,437	14,791	13,577
Del.	9,096	10,117	26,072	26,851	5/	5/
Md.	15,733	15,970	44,781	45,441	5/	5/
Va.	5,503	5,830	15,551	15,263	860	944
W. Va.	518	439	1,556	1,356	5/	5/
N. C.	23,553	25,613	66,842	69,515	1,165	1,492
S. C.	1,406	1,547	4,104	4,157	1,012	1,193
Ga.	44,592	46,562	124,213	129,319	3,538	4,419
Fla.	1,896	3,668	5,557	9,316	2,525	3,234
S. A.	102,297	109,746	288,676	301,218	5/ 9,296	5/ 11,438
Ky.	280	6/	705	6/	540	511
Tenn.	3,851	3,410	10,927	9,747	1,090	1,157
Ala.	30,058	31,963	83,236	85,681	1,814	1,686
Miss.	16,453	17,298	45,299	45,687	1,508	1,630
Ark.	32,427	36,858	92,525	100,587	1,813	2,103
La.	3,457	4,013	9,616	11,030	444	380
Okla.	495	6/	1,072	6/	698	892
Texas	13,021	16,439	36,514	43,015	3,899	3,559
S. C.	100,042	6/ 110,570	279,894	6/ 297,245	11,806	11,918
Idaho	501	576	1,249	1,527	177	174
Colo.	60	55	87	80	299	283
Utah	300	164	814	434	232	241
Wash.	2,392	2,569	6,203	6,875	1,196	1,372
Oreg.	1,215	1,277	3,670	3,734	255	383
Calif.	6,715	7,019	18,410	19,258	6,229	7,138
West	7/ 11,250	7/ 11,712	7/ 30,549	7/ 32,003	7/ 8,917	7/ 10,151
48 States	237,257	255,431	664,151	693,623	64,667	66,551
Hawaii	130	89	315	234	74	70
U. S.	237,387	255,520	664,466	693,857	64,741	66,621

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ North Atlantic total includes New York and New Jersey to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ North Central total includes Michigan, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ North Central total includes North Dakota and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg-type			Total			
	Jan. through Mar.:			March			
	1966 : 1967			Average 1961-65:			
	1966	1967	Average 1961-65:	1966	1967	1966	1967
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	1,456	1,935	6,289	7,078	7,854	20,076	21,772
N. H.	720	884	1,335	891	954	2,456	2,705
Vt.	41	52	50	13	2	42	52
Mass. & R. I. 1/	2,722	2,532	2,347	1,879	1,770	5,242	4,775
Conn.	1,636	1,410	3,070	2,035	1,721	5,410	4,684
N.Y.	5,970	6,400	2,186	2,435	2/	6,220	2/
N.J.	2,035	1,585	2,076	1,099	2/	2,396	2/
Pa.	7,660	7,018	8,934	7,970	7,727	20,661	20,247
N.A.	22,240	21,816	26,287	23,400	2/23,182	62,503	2/62,536
Ohio	6,200	5,425	4,398	3,620	3,270	8,250	7,170
Ind.	5,909	8,720	7,317	5,141	5,875	12,942	15,175
Ill.	5,169	5,349	4,330	2,846	2,754	5,362	5,444
Mich.	3,300	3,200	2,170	1,780	3/	4,530	3/
Wis.	1,925	1,910	2,838	2,339	2,365	5,285	5,555
Minn.	5,641	5,922	6,038	4,812	4,355	7,733	8,144
Iowa	5,920	6,020	6,818	4,060	3,700	6,350	6,310
Mo.	3,717	4,184	8,651	4,876	4,679	11,277	10,202
N.Dak.	263	270	4/	4/	3/	4/	3/
S.Dak.	2,100	1,950	4/	4/	3/	4/	3/
Nebr.	2,891	2,604	3,152	2,449	1,938	3,431	3,057
Kans.	1,964	2,000	1,994	1,285	1,030	2,128	2,183
N.C.	44,999	47,554	4/50,007	4/34,916	3/33,265	4/69,768	3/69,991
Del. & Md.	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Va.	—,000	1,857	7,318	6,363	6,774	17,551	17,120
W.Va.	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
N.C.	2,785	3,314	21,858	24,718	27,105	69,627	72,829
S.C.	2,486	2,841	2,807	2,418	2,740	6,590	6,998
Ga.	8,828	11,269	40,321	48,130	50,981	133,041	140,588
Fla.	7,095	8,569	3,652	4,421	6,902	12,652	17,885
S.A.	5/23,579	5/28,196	5/97,502	5/111,593	5/121,184	5/312,255	5/329,414
Ky.	1,235	1,022	1,144	820	6/	1,940	6/
Tenn.	2,630	2,925	4,990	4,941	4,567	13,557	12,672
Ala.	4,232	4,233	23,995	31,872	33,649	87,468	89,914
Miss.	4,363	4,495	15,265	17,961	18,928	49,662	50,182
Ark.	4,304	5,514	25,264	34,240	38,961	96,829	106,101
La.	872	875	2,859	3,901	4,393	10,488	11,905
Okla.	1,403	1,647	1,549	1,193	6/	2,475	6/
Texas	8,235	9,267	16,818	16,920	19,998	44,749	52,282
S.C.	27,274	29,978	91,884	111,848	6/122,488	307,168	6/327,223
Idaho	351	322	726	678	750	1,600	1,849
Colo.	635	626	434	359	338	722	706
Utah	575	451	559	532	405	1,389	885
Wash.	2,797	3,317	2,936	3,588	3,941	9,000	10,192
Oreg.	730	913	1,775	1,470	1,660	4,400	4,647
Calif.	17,705	19,211	12,424	12,944	14,157	36,115	38,469
West.	7/23,885	7/25,961	7/19,392	7/20,167	7/21,863	7/54,434	7/57,964
48 States	141,977	153,505	285,073	301,924	321,982	806,128	847,128
Hawaii	144	140	210	204	159	459	374
U.S.	142,121	153,645	285,283	302,128	322,141	806,587	847,502

5/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia to avoid disclosing individual operations.

6/ South Central total includes Kentucky and Oklahoma to avoid disclosing individual operations.

7/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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